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Message from the Principal

3-6-2020

Dear parents, friends and Father Arsenio

What a triumphant return last week. Our P-yr2 students and staff returned to school and the smiles of joy were evident for all to see. I am grateful to the leaders at our school who were assisted by Katherine and Caeleigh to ensure that all was ready for our students. The early finish was warranted as I had many reports of students falling asleep very early.

We have taken a multi-pronged approach to our return to school this has included:

A deliberate classroom focus from teachers on Wellbeing. This is generally how each day begins at the moment and then we roll into literacy and numeracy sessions. I am satisfied that over the remainder of the year the staff will cover all academic requirements that need to be covered.

Angela Davis our school councilor has been employed for an additional day a week till the end of the year. This will allow her to not only reconnect with her current caseload, but to also deal with any issues that may arise given the recent changes.

Staff have been attending professional development relevant to the current situation. Given the changes we are implementing it is important that we have appropriately trained staff to deal with new requirements.

We are undertaking additional cleaning each day from 11am-2pm. This will continue till the end of the term and I will then reassess the situation to work out the best way to proceed with this.

The staggered finish time is working extremely well. Please note that aside from Monday it is a 3:15pm (green / yellow) and 3:30pm (red / blue) dismissal.

The students from years 3-6 are scheduled to return next week. To assist the staggered finishing times, I am requesting that families who have older children (only in grades 3-6) park over the road in the IGA carpark or agree to meet in one of the side streets.

The staggered finish has worked so far. I am keen to see if we can keep green and yellow being dismissed at 3:15 (3pm Mondays) and red and blue at 3:30pm (3:15 Mondays). It will be a case of waiting to see how we go next Tuesday given the need to get 280 families off the site rather than 100. Thanks so much for your assistance to date.

Just a reminder that this Friday is a student free day. All staff are preparing for students to return to school next week and I appreciate the assistance of the board in approving this.

Have a great week

Duncan



PARISH NEWS

A warm welcome back to our school students in Prep, Years 1 and 2. Next week we welcome back Grades 3-6. The Parish House is still not fully open due to the pandemic. With easing of some restrictions, Fr Arsenio is now able to celebrate Mass on a very limited basis. The Archdiocese and the Victorian Government have set very strict guidelines governing the service. There will only be 15 places for weekday masses (Wednesday and Friday at 10am) and 20 places for weekend masses (Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9am). Bookings must be registered with the Parish Office. Regular masses will not be resuming at this stage. The Church, Chapel and Parish office will remain closed until further notice (Parish toilet facilities are not available on parish property).

Also in this time of crisis there are more calls to St Vincent de Paul Society to provide assistance to those adversely affected. If you are in a position to donate any non-perishable goods, there is a basket on the doorstep of the Parish House where you can leave any donations.

Finally, a prayer to combat the Coronavirus Pandemic:

Most Merciful and Triune God, We come to You in our weakness

We come to You in our fear. We come to You with Trust.

For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.

We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to our doctors. Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity. Bring healing to those who are ill

Protect those who are most at risk. Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilise our communities. Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.

Ruth Frangeskakis

Parish Secretary

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Prayer of the Week

Last Friday we celebrated Pentecost- our school's birthday and it was wonderful to see the children and families so engaged at school and at home. Reconciliation Week also began on 27th May and runs until the 3rd of June. This annual celebration builds upon respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. The theme for 2020 is '***In This Together.***' Together we can work to further that national journey towards a fully reconciled country.

For further information on what you can do:

[20 ways to be In This Together in 2020 - National Reconciliation Week 2020](#)

A Prayer for Peace

Wind of God,

Keep on blowing.

Sail over the barriers that we build.

Blow away the blinkers which keep our eyes focused on the past.

Please reveal the new future you have in mind for us.

We make this prayer in the Spirit of Jesus.

Amen.



Caritas Donations

Dear Parents,

Caritas Money from last term can now be returned to your classroom.

Thank you for your generous donations especially in these times of difficulty.

SCHOOL NEWS



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week



** Charlie-Rose Stewart * Elli Aspiotis
* Hayley Papadopoulos * Archie Pinney
* Ella Gole * Kira Jury * Antonio Del Guidice
* Jim Marchesani * Astrid Punturere * Angus Praski
* Angus Huang * Aurelio Muscatello * Raph Sithole
* Jethro Warner * Sienna Kovacevic * Jack Newman
* Casey Prichard * Isabella Zito * Jonathan Marraffa
* Billy Semos **

School Board News

The School Board met on Tuesday 2 June via video conference. At the meeting we focussed on the review of the return of Prep to Grade 2 and the preparations for the return of Grades 3 – 6. The School Board and the School Board Executive have been working closely with Duncan and the team to ensure the transition is as sooth as possible and we have provided considerable feedback on communications, cleaning arrangements and the logistics of people moving around the school site. Again we would like to thank the parents who have provided feedback and to all the teachers for managing the remote learning so incredibly well. As always, please feel free to get in contact with me directly, or any member of the School Board.

Andrew Conway
Board Chair

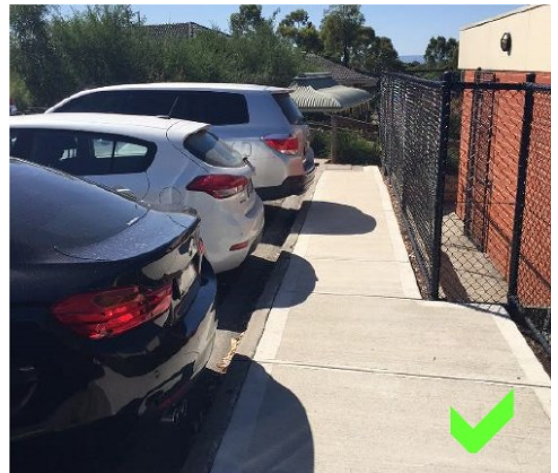




Car parking

In order to ensure that the car park remains as safe as possible during school drop off and pick up, we ask that you follow our car parking procedure as set out in the Parent Handbook (available on the website).

In particular, when parking on the basketball court, please ensure that both sides of the court are being utilised. We also ask that when parking along the side adjacent to the Level 1/2 building, when reversing in you leave enough space to ensure that the pathway is clear (see picture).



With all the students due back to school next week we would like to remind everyone of the procedures for drop off and pick up, so that we can meet the guidelines that are in place for schools.

The students are not to get out of the car until they have reached the drop off point at the mid-way point between the two basketball courts.

When completing the drive through, stop only at the drop off point to let your child out and then continue on, to keep the traffic flowing.

NB: There is only one crossing for everyone – at the top of the basketball court near the flagpole. Only Prep children may be walked down to the classroom, please drop them at their classroom door.

If you need to park in the carpark, make sure the students cross at the 'manned crossing' if needed.

While you are waiting for your child, we request that you keep the mandated distance of 1.5 m between adults and please don't congregate in the school grounds. As soon as you have collected your child/ren please head out of the school grounds.

If you require a late pass or special circumstances/early leave pass they will be available from the office area. If you are required to collect your child early please contact the office and they will be waiting in the office foyer for you. Do not go through the black gates to the classroom or enter a classroom to collect your child.

Reminder that Friday is a Student free day.



Dear Parents,

We are delighted to inform you that Holy Spirit will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in a variety of subjects including English and Mathematics.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online result report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to online assessments. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Learn more about ICAS here: unsw.global/ICAS (*Writing not available in 2020.)

2020 Participation

This year if you wish your child/ren to enter either or both competitions you will be required to register your child and pay online

In 2020 students have the opportunity to participate in the following subjects:

ICAS English	Sitting Date: Tuesday August 25th
ICAS Mathematics	Sitting Date: Wednesday September 4th

Cost per test: \$15.95 including GST These assessments will take place during the day

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the new online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

The web link is: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

Our school's unique access code is: KQU581

Online parent payment closes Friday, **17 July 2020**.

IMPORTANT: Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate.

A permission slip will be sent out on Care Monkey closer to the sitting dates.

Thank you,

Lauren Witnish (School Maths Leader) Kayla Flindt-Petersen (School Literacy Leader)

Returning to school anxiety free



by Michael Grose



It will take kids some time to adjust to school after a long period of at home learning. It's natural for anxiety to be heightened, as attending school will be a different experience for students post COVID-19.

Now that children and young people are returning to school Parenting Ideas founder Michael Grose shares some advice to help make the adjustment easier.

Read the full article at www.parentingideas.com.au

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Monday

3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM

9:15am - 1pm (3 hours 45 minutes)

Tuesday

4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM

9:15am - 2:30pm (5 hours 15 minutes)

Wednesday

3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM

9:15am - 1pm (3 hours 45 minutes)

Thursday

4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM

9:15am - 2:30pm (5 hours 15 minutes)

Friday

4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM

9:15am - 2:30pm (5 hours 15 minutes)



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